

THE CABINET

MEETING, 9TH DECEMBER, 2013

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Mrs Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member

Cabinet Members

Councillor Adia	Human Resources and Cohesion
Councillor Bashir-Ismail	Public Health
Councillor D.Burrows	Community Safety and Police
Councillor Peacock	Adults
Councillor A. Connell	Sports, Libraries, Youth and Culture
Councillor McKeon	Schools and Skills
Councillor Murray	Looked After Children ,Safeguarding and Early Years
Councillor Chadwick	Highways and Transport
Councillor Sherrington	Waste ,Recycling and Housing
Councillor Zaman	Economy and Regeneration

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Donaghy
Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Mrs Fairclough
Councillor Ashcroft
Councillor Hayes

Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Ms. M. Asquith	Director of Children's and Adults Services
Ms. S. Johnson	Assistant Director
Mr. J. Livesey	Assistant Director
Mrs. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors J. Byrne, Jones and Mrs Fairclough.

40. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11th November, 2013 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

41. COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2014/15

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which set out the calculation of the tax base to be used in the calculation of the Council's tax for 2014/15.

The Appendix to the report detailed the collection of the tax base which resulted in a tax base before adjustments for losses on collection of 70,573 band D equivalents. The Council needed to determine its collection rate for the year which took account of collection difficulties. Based on an assessment of part collection performance, this had been maintained at 98% and resulted in a tax base for the tax setting purposes of 69,162 band D equivalents, which represented an increase of 0.2% on the 2013/14 tax base.

Resolved – That the report for the calculation of the

Council's tax base for tax setting purposes for the year 2012/13 be approved and that the Council tax base for the year be 69,162 band D equivalents.

42. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - That, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 4 (negotiations relating to labour relations matters between the Authority and its employees) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

43. MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE – FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report that set out the results of the consultation regarding the restructure of the Financial Services Division and sought the Cabinet's approval to implement the final proposals.

Appendix 1 set out the Trades Union response and the final proposals remained the same.

A full Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 5) had been undertaken in line with legislation and was considered by the Cabinet in its deliberations.

Resolved – That the final proposals, as now detailed, be approved and that the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Leader, agrees to delegate implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, to the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive.

44. INTEGRATION OF CHILDREN AND ADULT JOINT FINANCE UNITS – SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES REVIEW – POST CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report that set out the results of the consultation regarding the integration of the Children's and Adult Services Joint Finance Units and sought the Cabinet's approval to implement the final proposals.

Appendix 2 set out responses to the issues raised during the consultation process and management's response.

The final proposals include some changes and the report set out in detail the reasoning behind some key areas where the proposed structure should be amended.

A full Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 5) had been undertaken in line with legislation and was considered by the Cabinet in its deliberations.

Resolved – That the final proposals, as now detailed, be approved and that the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Leader, agrees to delegate implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, to the Chief Executive and the Director of Children's and Adult Services.

45. SAVINGS AND STAFF RESTRUCTURING WITHIN THE FINANCE TEAMS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – POST CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report that set out the results of the consultation regarding the integration of the Joint Finance Teams across Environmental Services, Development and Regeneration and Chief Executive's Departments and sought the Cabinet's approval to implement the final proposals.

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Appendix 5 set out responses to the issues raised during the consultation process and management's response.

The final proposals include some changes and the report set out in detail the reasoning behind some key areas where the proposed structure should be amended.

A full Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 6) had been undertaken in line with legislation and was considered by the Cabinet in its deliberations.

Resolved – That the final proposals, as now detailed, be approved and that the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Leader, agrees to delegate implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, to the Chief Executive and the Directors of Environmental Services and Development and Regeneration.